News of Note

COMINGS & GOINGS

New company members at The Washington Ballet include Nicole Graniero, from American Ballet Theatre; Javier Morera and Jorge Oscar Sanchez, from National Ballet of Cuba; Ashley Murphy and Samuel Wilson, from Dance Theatre of Harlem; Venus Villa, from English National Ballet; and a former TWB apprentice. ■ Joffrey Ballet has 10 new dancers: Valerila Cheykina; Nicole Clapponi, from San Francisco Ballet; Camila Ferrera; Anna Gerberich, from Charlotte Ballet; Stefan Gonzalez; Luis Eduardo Gonzalez, from Orlando Ballet; Hansol Jeong; Gayeon Jung; Paulo Rodrigues; and Joan Sebastian Zamora, from ENB. ■ Boston Ballet's Ji Young Chae and Patrick Yocum are now soloists. New soloists include Maria Baranova, from Finnish National Ballet; Rachele Buriasi, from Stuttgart Ballet; and Federico Fresi, from Teatro alla Scala. ■ Former ABT principal Julie Kent has been appointed artistic director of ABT summer programs, and coach and teacher for the company, Studio Company and school. ■ Former Bill T. Jones/Arnie Zane Dance Company dancer Leah Cox has been named dean of American Dance Festival's school. ■ Atlanta Ballet artistic director John McFall is stepping down after the 2015–16 season. A successor has not yet been announced.